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## COVID-19 Updates

As a City, your safety is our top priority. We are committed to maintaining essential public safety services throughout this pandemic. The City has an emergency response plan for pandemics which we are executing.

Responding to COVID-19 requires all of us working together. Please review the following important information.

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### City Declares State of Emergency

In response to COVID-19, the City Council has declared a State of Emergency in Waukesha. This declaration is in line with action taken by the Federal, State and County levels of government. This declaration enables City officials to exercise powers in an expedited manner at the local level in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the City of Waukesha.

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### Update from Governor Evers

Governor Evers has ordered a statewide ban on all gatherings of more than 10 people as of 5 pm, Tuesday, March 17. He also ordered closed all bars and restaurants, except for delivery and pickup orders.

[More Information](#)

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### City Building Closures

City Buildings are closed to the public: City Hall; [City Hall Annex](#); [Waukesha Public Library](#); [Water Utility](#); [Parks, Recreation and Forestry](#) (including Schuetze Recreation Center); [Fire Department](#); [Police Department](#) (lobby); [Clean Water Plant](#); [Transit](#); [Prairie Home Cemetery](#) (offices/chapel).

At this time, City Staff will still be present at all of these facilities during regular business hours in order to assist citizens with any questions, requests, or payments via phone or email.

The only exceptions to this will be public access for voting in City Hall when needed (all residents are encouraged to [vote absentee by mail](#).) In addition, building permits will be

accepted by appointment with the [Community Development Department](#) (262-524-3750).

The Fire Department and Police Department will operate as they always do, but the administrative offices and lobby will be closed to the public.

The [Transit](#) lobby is closed to the public. The buses continue to operate as normal at this time.

The City's [COVID-19](#) website and social media pages ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)) will be updated if there are any additional changes.

City website

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## Vote Absentee By Mail

Limited access to City Hall will be allowed for absentee voting for the April 7 election starting on Monday, March 23. However, ALL residents are requested to [vote absentee by mail](#). This is for your safety, the safety of our poll workers, and the safety of City employees.

If you are requesting a ballot by mail for the first time, you will need to upload a picture of driver's license. You can take a phone picture and upload it [directly to the website](#).

### Some important dates:

- Today, Wednesday, March 18 is last day to [register to vote online](#). You can not request an absentee ballot unless you are registered.
- Thursday, April 2nd is the last day to [request an absentee ballot by mail](#)

Vote Absentee by Mail

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## Steps You Should Take

- Practice the following:
  - Stay home when you are sick
  - Avoid close contact with people who are sick
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
  - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
  - Clean and disinfect frequently touched surface.
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
  - Practice social distancing
- [Go online and request an absentee ballot](#) by mail for the April 7 election. We are strongly encouraging that all residents vote by mail for this election.
- Only call 911 for a true emergency. If you are experiencing "flu-like" symptoms please call your health care provider.
- If you need to call 911, tell our emergency dispatchers if you have been diagnosed with or reason to believe you have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Check on your neighbors. With an increase in social distancing it is important to still check in on neighbors, especially the elderly.
- [Don't flush wipes or other products down the toilet](#). This is critical for maintaining the City's wastewater operations.
- Continue [drinking water from your tap](#). The water is safe. COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking water.
- Conduct any necessary City business [online](#), by phone or by e-mail.

## Trusted Information Sources

- For updates on City of Waukesha cancellations, closures response - [City website](#)
- For local updates on Coronavirus cases and response - [County Health Department](#)
- For state updates on the Coronavirus cases and response - [State Health Department](#)
- For national updates on the Coronavirus cases and response - [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)



Encourage your friends and family to [sign up!](#)